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FOR: SELECTIVE METALLISATION OF

NUCLEIC ACIDS VIA METAL

NANOPARTICLES PRODUCED IN-SITU

SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 23, 2006, and the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment of May 18, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.